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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Intelligence, US Air Force

SUBJECT: Request for intelligence estimate

1. CIA has under consideration the preparation of an estimate on "The Importance of Ireland to the Security of the US." It is believed that such an estimate may be of importance at this time in view of the attitude taken by the Irish government on the Atlantic Pact negotiations.

2. In connection with the preparation of the proposed estimate, it is requested that the Director of Intelligence, DC/O, HQ, USAF, furnish CIA with his conclusions regarding the strategic importance of Ireland, from the air point of view, to US security as of the present time and as of 1954.

3. The Chief of the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Director of Intelligence, General Staff, US Army, are being requested to furnish their conclusions from the naval and army points of view, respectively.

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should [REDACTED] information concerning this request be
desired.

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Acting Assistant Director
Reports and Estimates

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